Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Bill Welch, who will be retiring from the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) after serving the state for over 40 years; and,

Whereas, On April 19, 1976, Bill began a career in state government as a computer operator for Central Data Processing, and through the course of 40 years and a series of promotions, Bill ultimately serves as a computer support associate for the Repair Center with BIT; and,

Whereas, During the early 1980s, Bill assumed responsibility for repair and servicing the NEC Spinwriter printers associated with the word process application, thereafter the state began to purchase and utilize personal computers which expanded Bill's equipment repair and servicing duties, and he became the first employee of the Repair Center and began teaching hardware troubleshooting classes to other agency personnel, including his current supervisor; and,

Whereas, September 23, 2016, Bill will retire to spend more time with his wife, Theresa, and family and will be able to devote more time to gardening, fishing, photography, and watching his grandchildren's activities; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2016, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State